

(b) Due to lack of resources viz. coaches, diesel locomotives and maintenance facilities at Gauhati, it is not operationally feasible to extend this train upto Gauhati at present.

Metro Railways for Madras and Bombay

3551. SHRI E.S.M. PAKEER MOHAMMED : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to implement the Metro Railway system in Bombay and Madras ;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether the security system has been taken care of in Calcutta Metro system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Metro Railway systems being highly cost intensive are considered only if surface or elevated construction is not possible.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Recognition of Associations of Staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3552. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are four Associations of different categories of staff of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, whether all these four Associations had been granted de facto recognition on 6 January, 1982;

(c) if so, is it also a fact that the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner had told the Press on 30 August, 1984 that none of these four Associations were recognised; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) According to information available with the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters, at

present, there are six associations formed by various groups of employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In response to a question in the Press Conference held on August 30, 1984, the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, stated that, inspite of repeated advice, the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association had not submitted application with full documents for de-jure recognition, as required under the rules.

[Translation]

Conversion of Arrah-Sasaram Rail Line into Broad Gauge

3553. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had taken a decision many years ago to convert Arrah-Sasaram rail line into broad gauge line;

(b) if so, whether survey work in this regard has also been completed; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The erstwhile Arrah-Sasaram N.G. line was closed in 1978. A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a new B.G. line from Arrah to Sasaram (98 kms) has been completed. Its cost was assessed at Rs. 26 Crores and it was found financially not viable. Due to severe constraint of resources, this project has not been approved.

[English]

Sub-Standard Drugs Manufactured by Multinational

3554. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been some cases of drugs manufactured by the multinational